GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is deficiency in supplying coal to the steef industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including domestic supply of coal to steel industry and the supply from foreign companies during each of the last three years;

(c) whether coal industry has taken any steps to meet the entire need of steel industry;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in that regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) At present with the available technology for steel making being used in the integrated steel plants and reserve of coking coal available in the country, it is not possible for domestic coalindustry to meet the entire need of steel industry. Domestic coal industry is faced with constraint of techno-economically exploitable reserves of coking coal and hence cannot meet entire need of steel industry.